

Sir Frank Macfarlane Burnet OM

The honorary degree of Doctor of Science was conferred upon Sir Frank Macfarlane Burnet OM, Director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research in Melbourne, on 27 April 1961.

Citation

Sir Frank Macfarlane Burnet graduated Bachelor of Medicine in the University of Melbourne where he later took the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Sir Frank Macfarlane Burnet has been associated with the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, Melbourne, for many years. He was Assistant Director of the Institute in 1928-31 and 1934-44, and since 1944 has been Director of the Institute and also Professor of Experimental Medicine at the University of Melbourne. Under his direction, the work of the Institute in the fields of immunology and animal virology has received world-wide recognition.

Sir Frank was awarded the Royal Medal of the Royal Society in 1947 and the Copley Medal in 1958, the highest award of the Royal Society. In 1960 he was awarded, jointly with Professor P. B. Medawar, the Nobel Prize for Physiology and Medicine. His many publications include "Biological Aspects of Infectious Disease", "The Natural History of Infectious Disease", "Virus as Organism", "Viruses and Man", "Principles of Animal Virology", "Enzyme Antigen and Virus" and "Clonal Selection Theory of Acquired Immunity".

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